

## **Wildlife Safari Elephant Internship**

Learn how Wildlife Safari works to provide the highest quality interaction with wildlife to inspire lifelong commitments to conservation, education, and preservation of native and exotic species!

Wildlife Safari is excited to offer the opportunity to participate in an internship with the Elephant Department. Elephant Interns will work as a full-time support staff member within the department to assist with the care of Wildlife Safari's herd of 4 African elephants. Elephant Interns will get the opportunity to work with the Elephant Staff on providing husbandry to the elephants, educational keeper talks, training observations, etc. as approved by the manager. Elephant Interns will primarily have a support role in the department, assisting in cleaning, diet preparation and hosting guest encounters.

The internship is designed to provide participants with opportunities to learn the following:

- The introduction and implementation of safety guidelines outlined by AZA, EMA, and the Wildlife Safari Elephant Department
- The development of a strong foundation of skills and knowledge in regards to elephant husbandry, diets, and enrichment
- The chance to gain experience and confidence with public speaking, guest interactions, and presentation skills
- An introduction to elephant training commands and tools
- The ability gain a more complete understanding of all aspects of elephant care and behavior through opportunities to observe, and where possible assist, full-time staff members in husbandry procedures and training sessions

Requirements:

- Recommended at least one year toward a college degree in an animal-related field
- Must have some animal related experience, large animal experience preferred
- Personal vehicle and valid driver's license
- Provide a current negative TB test
- Able to speak to the public both individually and in a presentation set in a positive and professional fashion
- Must be willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Be capable of participating in the physical aspects of the position including lifting/moving heavy objects (50lbs)

**The internship is unpaid for a period of three months. There are four sections of the internship: Winter (December-February), Spring (March-May), Summer (June-August) and Fall (September-November). Off-site housing is offered for a small fee (no pets allowed). Transportation is NOT provided.**

Send resume, cover letter, and references to:

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